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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE CONNECTICUT
RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the need for any changes to the statutory role and purpose of
3 the Connecticut Resources and Recovery Authority. The task force
4 shall examine: (1) The effect that changes in resources recovery facility
5 ownership and affiliation have on Connecticut Resources Recovery
6 Authority operations and the authority's influence over waste
7 management, in contrast to the authority's statutory responsibilities;
8 (2) whether the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is best
9 suited to be the primary contributor to the accomplishment of the
10 goals of the state's solid waste management plan; (3) any changes that
11 should be made to the structure and funding of the Connecticut
12 Resources Recovery Authority in order to accomplish the goals of the
13 state's solid waste management plan; (4) how other waste management
14 authorities contribute to the state's waste management goals and
15 whether any statutory changes are needed to assure increased

16 promotion of such goals by other waste management authorities; and
17 (5) the effect that the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's
18 structure and ownership of solid waste facilities has on solid waste
19 disposal prices.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

22 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

23 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
24 Representatives;

25 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

26 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives;

28 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

29 (7) One person appointed by the Governor; and

30 (8) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
31 commissioner's designee, who shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting
32 member.

33 (c) Each appointed member shall have knowledge of the state's solid
34 waste management plan and the functions of the Connecticut
35 Resources Recovery Authority, provided any member of the task force
36 appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b)
37 of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

38 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president

42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
 43 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
 44 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
 45 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
 48 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than January 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a
 50 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 52 relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of
 53 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
 54 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2011, whichever is
 55 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the role and purpose of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]